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SUBJECT: ECE: INTERIM REPORT OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE ECONOMIC  
COMMISSION FOR EUROPE; COMMITTEE ON WATER PROBLEMS  
SIXTH SESSION

REF: AGENDA ITEM 14 LIST OF NATIONAL WATER INSTITUTIONS  
(WATER/R.10/REV.1/ADD.1)

1. GDR DELEGATION OBJECTED TO LISTING OF "INSTITUTE FOR  
THE HYGIENE OF WATER, AIR AND SOIL OF THE FEDERAL OFFICE  
OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 1 BERLIN 33 POSTFACH." GDR DELEGATION  
ASSERTS THAT LISTING OF INSTITUTE IS IN VIOLATION WITH  
TERMS OF FOUR-PART AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHMENT  
OF FEDERAL OFFICES IN WEST BERLIN. USSR DELEGATION  
IMMEDIATELY SUPPORTED THE POSITION OF THE GDR. FOLLOWING  
CONSULTATION, FRG DELEGATION (AUGMENTED WITH REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THEIR MISSION) ASSERTED THE VIEW THAT THE INSTITUTE  
DID NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF THE FOUR-  
PART AGREEMENT. THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS WERE TAKEN BY  
OTHER DELEGATIONS IN THE ORDER INDICATED:

USSR. THE USSR DELEGATION AUGMENTED WITH REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THEIR MISSION AGAIN IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED  
SUPPORTING THE GDR POSITION.

US. AFTER CONTACT WITH U.S. MISSION, US REP (COBB) INDICATED HE HAD  
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BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT THE POSITION OF THE FRG.

UK. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MISSION DELEGATION TOOK THE POSITION THAT IT WAS VERY APPROPRIATE FOR THE INSTITUTE TO BE LOCATED IN WEST BERLIN. THE HEAD OF THE UK DELEGATION ADDED A PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE DELETION OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE HYGIENE OF WATER, AIR AND SOIL FROM THE LIST OF NATIONAL WATER INSTITUTIONS WOULD CREATE A SIGNIFICANT GAP IN THE LIST BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH THE SCIENTISTS AT THE INSTITUTE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE'S GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ASPECTS OF WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY.

FRANCE. THE FRENCH DELEGATION SUPPORTED THE POSITION OF THE UK.

HUNGARY. THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION EXPRESSED GENERAL CONCURRENCE IN THE POSITION OF THE GDR BUT IN A MUCH LESS FORCEFUL MANNER THAN HAD THE USSR PLACING MORE EMPHASIS ON THE PROCEDURAL REPORTING ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE IN THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT AS OPPOSED TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE. SIMILARLY THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN DELEGATION STRESSED THE PROCEDURAL REPORTING ASPECTS AND DID NOT REALLY ADDRESS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE.

2. THE GDR OBJECTION HAD BEEN RAISED DURING THE FINAL CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE ADOPTION OF ITS REPORT AND HAD NOT BEEN RAISED EARLIER WHEN THIS AGENDA ITEM WAS FULLY DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE.

3. THE ISSUE WAS RESOLVED INsofar AS THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT IS CONCERNED BY NOTING THAT WHEN THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE REPORT, CERTAIN OBJECTIONS WERE EXPRESSED TO THE INSTITUTE BEING PLACED ON THE LIST OF NATIONAL WATER INSTITUTIONS AND THAT CERTAIN OTHER DELEGATIONS HAD OPPOSED THESE OBJECTIONS. THE COMMITTEE REPORT WILL BE CONCLUDED WITH A CROSS REFERENCE BACK TO THE SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM GENERALLY OUTLINING THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS INDICATED BY THE DELEGATIONS. FINAL RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL AN UP-DATED VERSION OF THE LIST OF NATIONAL WATER INSTITUTIONS IS PREPARED AS UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREED TO BY THE COMMITTEE NOW SCHEDULED FOR ABOUT 31 DECEMBER, 1974.

4. IN OTHER AREAS THE U.S. POSITION WAS WELL RECEIVED. A COMPLETE REPORT WILL FOLLOW LATER. ABRAMS

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